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## Homecoming highlights

Homecoming festivities will be held October 21-23. The following are some of the highlights:

### Friday, October 22

- **"Friday with Professor Yerker": Social Changes at Gallaudet**  
Noon to 1 p.m. (Peikoff Alumni House)—Dr. Yerker Andersson, retired Gallaudet sociology professor, will present a comparison of social changes at Gallaudet between 1979 and 2004.
- **Gallaudet University Alumni Emeriti Club for 50+ Classes (1954 and Before) Ceremony**  
2 to 3 p.m. (Chapel Hall)—The purpose of the new Gallaudet University Alumni Emeriti Club is to honor alumni who attended Gallaudet University 50 or more years ago. The alumni from classes up to 1954 will be recognized in a ceremony and receive special medallions.
- **Andrew Foster Dedication Ceremony**  
4 to 5 p.m. (Ely Center, Auditorium)—The auditorium at Ely Center will be renamed after Dr. Andrew J. Foster in honor of a pioneer who is called the "Father of Deaf Education" in Africa and is Gallaudet's first African American graduate (1954). The program includes featured speakers, some of whom will share their personal memories of Foster. (Note: Seating at the ceremony is limited. However, two campus locations—the Student Union Building, Multipurpose Room, Upper Level and the Peikoff Alumni House—will serve as overflow locations. The dedication will also be broadcast live on Gallaudet cable television and on the University's web site, [www.gallaudet.edu](http://www.gallaudet.edu).)
- **Gallaudet Asian Alumni Friends Reunion**  
5 to 9 p.m. (Student Union Building, Multipurpose Room, Lower Level)—For more information, contact Thuan Nguyen, at [thuan.nguyen@gallaudet.edu](mailto:thuan.nguyen@gallaudet.edu).
- **Gallaudet Black/African American Alumni and Friends Reunion**  
6 p.m. to midnight (Student Union Building, Multipurpose Room, Upper Level)—For more information, contact Reggie Redding at [rred819891@aol.com](mailto:rred819891@aol.com).
- **Pep Rally**  
6 to 8 p.m. (Field House)
- **Pre-Game Bash**  
8 p.m. to 1 a.m. (Peikoff Alumni House, Upper Level)

### Saturday, October 23

- **Food/Information Booth**  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (HMB Parking Lot)
- **Class Parade**  
12:15 to 1 p.m. (Field House, near Bison Statue)

For more information about these and other Homecoming events, go to [alumni.gallaudet.edu](http://alumni.gallaudet.edu) and click on the link to "2004 Gallaudet Homecoming Plans Now Available."



The 2004 World Deaf Leadership Scholar Fund, which covers the recipient's entire expenses at Gallaudet, was awarded to Kaneng Kwandi (left), from Nigeria, on September 21. The World Deaf Leadership Scholarship, funded by the Nippon Foundation, is awarded annually to a student that best demonstrates a commitment to leadership in developing countries. Kwandi presented her plans for development in her home country. They focus on the formation of an agency, the Center for Advocacy, Job Development, and Information on Deafness, to provide referral and information services to families of deaf and hard of hearing children, as well as support services and appropriate school placement. The agency will also be working in education, training teachers how to develop curriculum and job opportunities for their communities in vocational, technical and volunteer organizations and schools. Also at the presentation, Nickson Kakiri (right), from Kenya, the 2003 recipient of the WDL Scholar Fund, gave a presentation on the progress he made in his home country from May through July. The outcome of his work, added Dr. Amy Wilson, an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Foundations and Research, was that deaf Kenyans have begun discussing how to organize to advocate for needed services.

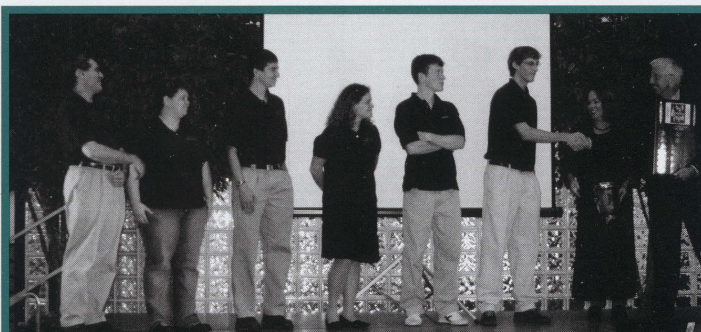
## Gallaudet University Press Institute announces international conference

An international conference entitled "Narrating Deaf Lives: Biography, Autobiography, and Documentary" will be held November 3 to 5 in the Kellogg Conference Hotel. The conference is sponsored by the Gallaudet University Press Institute, the educational division of Gallaudet University Press, the Office of the Dean, Graduate School and Professional Programs, and the Gallaudet Research Institute.

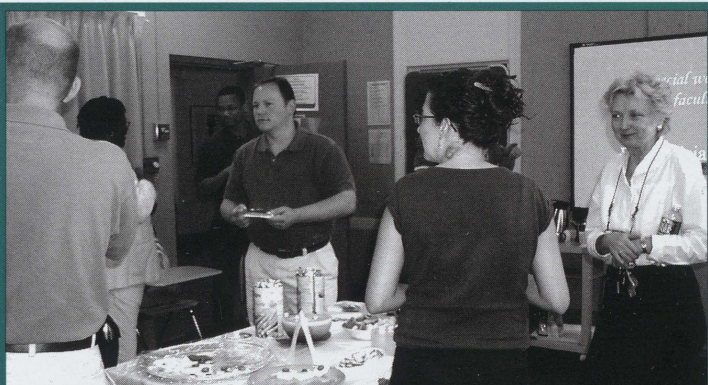
The conference will feature an assembly of international authors and scholars, deaf and hearing, who will present a multifaceted, in-depth exploration of the process of examining deaf lives from past to present. Every aspect of the deaf individual as narrative will be addressed, from biography to autobiography, written history to documentary.

Keynote presenters include Sylvia Nasar, author of *A Beautiful Mind*, Emmanuelle Laborit, actor and author of *The Cry of the Gull*, and Larry Hott, director of the *History Through Deaf Eyes* documentary film.

For more information and to register, see Internet site [gupress.gallaudet.edu/gupiconference/index.html](http://gupress.gallaudet.edu/gupiconference/index.html) or contact Wendy Grande at x5488 or x5489 (fax), or e-mail [wendy.grande@gallaudet.edu](mailto:wendy.grande@gallaudet.edu)



Gallaudet's College Bowl Team officially presents to the University the championship trophy it won July 7 at the National Association of the Deaf's 47th Biennial Conference in Kansas City, Mo. The presentation took place at a September 28 celebration in the HMB atrium, where President Jordan and Provost Jane Fernandes were on hand to congratulate the team for bringing the trophy back to campus. This marks the fifth time Gallaudet has won the NAD College Bowl in its nine-year history. Dr. Jordan confided to the crowd that before the championship he and Rochester Institute of Technology Vice President and National Technical Institute for the Deaf Dean T. Alan Hurwitz made a bet that the loser would wear the winning school's T-shirt. Jordan said he waited until after the school year started to mail the shirts to Dr. Hurwitz and his wife. "I'm sure he will wear it," said Jordan. "He is a gentleman." In the photo, Jordan, holding the plaque engraved with the names of each year's Gallaudet team members, shakes hands with team captain Andrew Phillips while Dr. Fernandes holds the trophy. Also pictured (from left) are: Robert Weinstock, coach, Sara Robinson, assistant coach, Drew Robarge, Pia Marie Paulone, and Jonathan Chanin.



The Communication Studies Department hosted a September 7 tea to welcome students and three new full-time faculty members—Dr. Beth Benedict (assistant professor), Dr. Patricia Foley (associate professor), and Dr. Lillie Ransom (associate professor)—to the department. Pictured at the event are (from left): Steve Snow (adjunct faculty), Ransom, Ken Darenbourg (adjunct faculty), Cary Barbin (Technology Access Program professional staff), Terri Vincent (Communication Studies major), and Dr. Jane Norman (professor).





## ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie,

I just found out that GDOC, Blackboard, and my.gallaudet are the same thing. At least I think they are. Is it also true that PeopleSoft and Bison are the same? What's the difference between Footprints and Help Desk, Blackbaud and Raiser's Edge? And now I hear that the AAPC initiatives are being referred to as New Directions?

I consider myself a fairly literate person and I read my e-mail, even the boring ones, but our alphabet soup of acronyms and multiple names for basically the same thing gets very confusing. I imagine that if I'm having trouble keeping up, 80 percent of the campus is probably also in the dark. Why can't we pick one name for these things and stick to it? Or maybe someone should print a desk reference of terms and acronyms.

Dazed and Confused at  
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Dear Dazed,

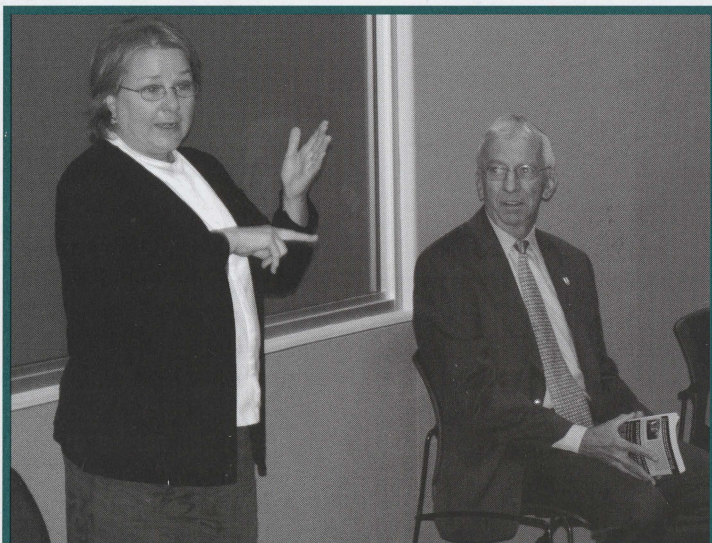
Like it or not, Cyber Speak is here to stay and you might as well learn to live with it. It has crept into our vocabulary in much the same way Sports Speak did in decades past. Think about it: People who have never watched a football

game, much less played in one, today pepper their conversations with expressions like, "I feel like I've been drop-kicked through the goal posts of life," "When all else fails, punt," and, "I'll throw a Hail Mary and hope for the best." It's the same with Cyber Speak, though I agree that Gallaudet's version seems particularly fulsome.

Still, Aunty strongly recommends that we familiarize ourselves with key "vocabulary." For example, important cyber "words" include: **GDOC, Blackboard, and my.gallaudet.edu.** They are basically the same thing, i.e., the online learning system run by Academic Technology. But the powerful GDOC system also provides other services, such as the online Help Desks used to request assistance with computer-related problems and to order video equipment. Go to **my.gallaudet.edu** to find names of the software GDOC uses to drive its variety of online services. Equally essential to incorporate into one's cyber lexicon is:

**Campus/Bison/Email.** These hook us up to with the campus e-mail system, the Internet and, through Bison, the PeopleSoft software system the University uses for managing student and faculty and staff information. It's up to ITS to keep them functioning smoothly.

Now then, do me a favor: Stop with the computer questions, already. It's hard enough enlightening people around here about thought-provoking topics such as automatic flush toilets, but counting on Aunty to be equally erudite regarding wooly software matters is a grave mistake. However, the issue of *AAPC/New Directions* is right up my alley and shall be thoroughly scrutinized at a later date.



During an October 5 panel discussion for *The Pact*, Linda Jordan, a member of the panel, said that she could relate to the struggles the three authors of the book faced with succeeding in college. "I was not the traditional freshman when I was in college. I was an adult freshman, married with two young children and a husband," she said. "It made an impression on me that these three young men could focus as well as they did and succeed so admirably at achieving their goals." *The Pact* is required reading for incoming undergraduate students this fall, and a book that many other members of the campus community are reading as well. Joining Mrs. Jordan on the panel were Dr. Isaac Agboola, chair of the Business Department, Arthur Everette, a junior majoring in sociology with plans to also major in elementary education (both had roles in a film about the book that was shown at convocation), Nefitiri Fellows, academic/career advisor in Academic Advising, President Jordan, and Dr. Gina Oliva, a professor in Physical Education and Recreation. The moderator was Diana Gates, reference and instruction librarian in the Library. The authors of *The Pact*, Drs. Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, and Rameck Hunt, will be on campus October 25 to talk about their experiences first-hand and to sign copies of the book.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

### October

Location TBA, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**14-15**—Board of Trustees meeting, Kellogg Conference Hotel

**19**—Enrichment Day, Location: TBA, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**25**—Summer Reading Presentation, Elstad Auditorium, noon-3 p.m.

**15**—Last day for undergraduate students to change incomplete grades from the previous semester; Workshop, "e-Learning: Orientation to the Video Editing Suites," SAC 2210, 3-4 p.m.; Women's Soccer vs. York College, Soccer Field, 4 p.m.; Performance, "What are you....Deaf?," Elstad Auditorium/Black Box, 7-10 p.m.

**20**—Men's Soccer vs. Goucher, Soccer Field, 4 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Goucher, Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m.

**21**—Women's Soccer vs. Neumann, Soccer Field, 3 p.m.

**21-23**—2004 Gallaudet Homecoming (see complete listing of Homecoming events on page 1)

**16**—Interpreting Workshop, "Team Interpreting: Two Heads/One Interpretation," Kellogg Conference Hotel, Room 3100, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**22**—MSSD Homecoming vs. Alabama School for the Deaf, MSSD Football Field, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

**18**—All midterm grades due from faculty no later than 4:30 p.m.; Workshop, "e-Learning: Converting VHS to Digital Media," SAC 2210, 11 a.m.-noon; SSAGE Workshop, "Basic Genealogy,"

**23**—Women's Soccer vs. Exhibition opponent, Soccer Field, 10 a.m.; Homecoming Football vs. Walter Reed, Hotchkiss Field, 1 p.m.; Men's Soccer vs. Maryland Bible, Soccer Field, 1 p.m.

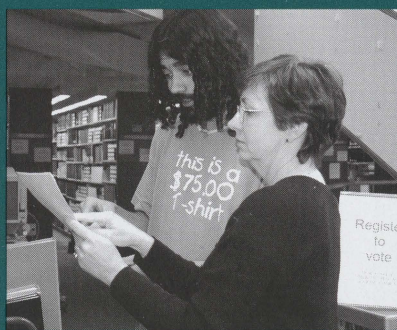
**28**—Workshop, "e-Learning: (Respondus) Test Authoring Software for Bb and Printed Tests," SAC 2210, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Workshop, "e-Learning: DVD Authoring (Beginners)," SAC 2210, 1-2 p.m.

**29**—Workshop, "e-Learning: Instant Student Feedback with E-Instruction & Turning Point," SAC 2210, 2-3 p.m.



Gallaudet played host to political debaters Stephen Hayes (left) and Paul Glastris (right), representing the Republican and Democratic parties, respectively, on September 23 in the Kellogg Conference Hotel's Swindell's Auditorium. The debate, which was sponsored by the Honors Program and open to the campus community, provided a forum for democratic and republican principles and issues in the face of the upcoming presidential election. Hayes is a writer for *The Weekly Standard* and author of *The Connection*:

*How al Qaeda's Collaboration with Saddam Hussein Has Endangered America.* He has appeared as a commentator for CNN and the McLaughlin group. Glastris is the editor-in-chief of the *Washington Monthly* and a senior fellow at the Western Policy Institute. During the Clinton years, he served as senior presidential speech writer and special assistant to the president. Co-moderator Jonathan Cetrano, an English major and Honors student, said, "We have a right to vote and with that right we have the responsibility to be informed." He added that in the current election atmosphere, it is critical that voters are aware of the parties' stands on international and domestic politics. Glastris and Hayes were given a three-minute time frame to argue their initial cases, with a 90-second rebuttal after each debater made his case. "Are U.S. interests threatened by the Iraq War?" With that question, the debate was off and running. In the wide-ranging debate, both agreed that President Bush is not a fiscal conservative, while differing with the president's strategies to provide an economic stimulus through the post-9/11 recession. In these and other topics, including Michael Moore's film, *Fahrenheit 9/11*, the draft, and gay marriage, statistics and policy were tossed back and forth, keeping the audience members in their seats beyond the closing bell of the debate. (Also pictured are co-moderator Dr. David Penna, assistant professor, Government and History [seated], and interpreters Diana Markel [second from left] and Mary Lightfoot [second from right]. Not pictured is interpreter Sherry Hicks.)



Diana Gates, reference and instruction librarian, helps student Frank Germinaro, Jr. register to vote. The Library and Academic Technology sponsored the effort, which was held from September 7 to October 1, and will continue, by appointment, to help people register to vote and apply for absentee ballots for the November election.

According to Laura Jacobi, the Library's coordinator of reference and instruction, approximately 100 people were registered to vote during the month. The turnout "was way beyond what we expected," she said.



English Department Chair David Pancost gives a hearty handshake to Dr. John Miller, a professor in the department, in recognition of 30 years of service to the University, and to Dr. Kathleen Wood, associate professor, for 15 years of service.



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## UP CLOSE Dan Kirby: Running away from the circus to join Gallaudet



Construction Services Manager Dan Kirby, who retired from Gallaudet after 23 years, and his wife, Vicki, watch as co-workers pay tribute to Kirby at his October 1 retirement reception.

A time-honored dream for adventurous youth is to run away from home and join the circus. The scenario worked in reverse for Dan Kirby: he left the Big Top to join Gallaudet.

Before Kirby came to Gallaudet in 1981, he spent seven years with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Combined Shows, Inc.—not as a trapeze artist or lion tamer—but as the advance coordinator of transportation and purchasing. Kirby would travel to 45 cities in the United States and Canada each year, taking care of the daunting logistics for the “Greatest Show on Earth”—travel, purchasing hay, straw, and feed for the animals, arranging for uniforms to be cleaned, and other behind-the-scenes tasks. Later, he was named director of the Purchasing Department. He’d spend nine months on the road, and the rest of the year at the circus’ winter quarters in Venice, Fla.

“It was terrific—I saw so many things and met so many wonderful people,” he said. But it was also a stressful life: “I’d get calls at all hours if something went wrong on the road,” he said. “It’s real hard to

tell the tigers that dinner isn’t ready.”

Looking for a more stable environment, Kirby came to Gallaudet as purchasing manager in Business Services, transferred to Construction Services in 1992, and became the director for both Construction Services and Contracts and Purchasing in 1999. He is particularly proud of his efforts in the University’s previous 10-year Master Plan, which included renovations and additions to HMB, interior and exterior renovations to College Hall and Chapel Hall, renovations to the Student Union Building, and construction of the Kellogg Conference Hotel, Student Academic Center, Sixth Street Parking Garage, and Field House addition.

After 23 years, Kirby has retired. He plans to spend time with his wife, Vicki, traveling and pursuing their hobby of collecting Depression-era glassware and pottery. “What I’ll miss most about Gallaudet is the wonderful people who have taught me so much,” he said. “I’ve grown up here; I’ve become a better person for being here.” **G**



The Intertribal Deaf Council (IDC) represented the deaf community and Gallaudet with pride at the historical opening of the new Smithsonian Institution Museum, the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) during the week of September 21 to 26. Sonia Wuttonee said, “Emotionally, [seeing the NMAI] was a feeling like I finally belonged somewhere.” For Wuttonee and other IDC members, the opening week of the museum was seen as a rebirth of hope for Native Americans, and for the IDC. “We are a part of history now,” she said. “I feel like there is hope for recognizing deaf Indians in keeping our culture and history alive.” Gallaudet faculty and alumni came together to support the IDC’s mission and recognize the historical impact of the museum’s opening. Pictured (from left) are: Brenda Pickering, Nancy Harbison, Elizabeth Marsh, Wuttonee, James Woodenlegs, Carl “Lil Bear” Romano, James R. Marsh, Dr. Valerie Dively, chair of the Department of Interpretation, Reba Evline, and Judy Stout, family educator for the Clerc Center.



## CLERC CENTER HAPPENINGS

### MSSD launches new Honors Program

By Susan M. Flanigan

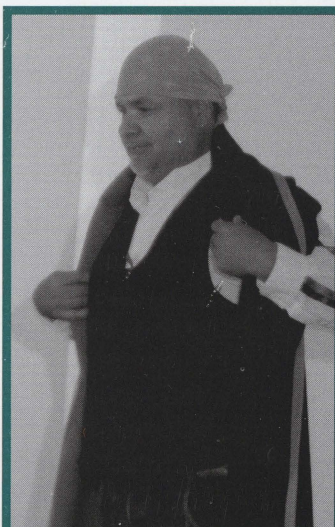
This fall, 65 MSSD students are enrolled in at least one course in the new Clerc Center Honors Program. The courses offered at the honors level are English, biology, chemistry, earth system science, physics, government, world history, social issues, algebra I and II, geometry, and trigonometry. In addition, the Honors Program is offering three Advanced Placement (AP) courses: English language and composition, U.S. history, and biology.

“The Honors Program offers students a way to prep for college exams like the SAT and ACT and learn the skills they will need to take Advanced Placement exams,” said MSSD Honors Program Coordinator Daniel Dukes. “If students pass the end-of-course College Board AP exam, then they earn college credit for their accomplishment.”

The program is open to all students, including transfer students and incoming freshmen. Its philosophy is to give any student wishing to take on challenging and rigorous coursework the opportunity to do so. Although the majority of honors students are those who have performed well academically in the past, the Honors Program encourages students who have never before been placed in honors courses to enroll.

“The program is still in the developing stages,” said Dukes. “But we are really trying to create a program that reaches all students. We understand that not every student can be an honors student in every subject. We want to find a way to encourage students who have talents in specific areas to be able to participate in courses where they, too, can shine.”

For more information on the MHP, contact daniel.dukes@gallaudet.edu. **G**



The Deaf Native American experience mirrors that of other groups within the deaf community, James Woodenlegs told a full house in the SUB Multipurpose Room at a September 20 presentation on the lives of deaf native Americans. Woodenlegs is a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and a spiritual leader for the Intertribal Deaf Council (IDC), a non-profit organization for deaf, deaf-blind, and hard of hearing Native Americans, Alaska Native, and First Nations individuals and their families. The IDC sent Woodenlegs and several representatives (some of whom are Gallaudet alumni) to Washington, D.C., to celebrate the opening of the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of the American Indian the following day. Woodenlegs described his experiences to the rapt audience, telling stories and humorous anecdotes about the lives of Native Americans. He also applauded Gallaudet’s terminology for the University mascot, saying, “most people name the bison incorrectly as the buffalo. That Gallaudet has used the correct name honors the culture of the Native Americans. His lecture was sponsored by the Office of the Provost, CLAST, ASL and Deaf Studies, and Philosophy and Religion.

### Deadline approaches for Priority Research Fund

November 29 is the deadline for proposals for the Priority Research Fund. The fund, sponsored by the Gallaudet Research Institute in the Graduate School and Professional Programs (GSPP), awards annual research grants on a competitive basis to faculty, staff, and teachers at the University and the Clerc Center.

To be eligible for funding, studies must directly address the University’s research priorities. Proposals for basic or applied aims using any appropriate methodology are welcome. The monies will be available as of June 1, 2005; studies may extend up to three years for a maximum of \$30,000 per annum.

To view Gallaudet’s research priorities, get an application packet, or see the list of previously funded studies, go to “Funding Opportunities” at [gri.gallaudet.edu/funding/](http://gri.gallaudet.edu/funding/), or pick up an application at the GSPP reception desk on the fourth floor of HMB.

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## Administration & Finance

### Back to basics

Jeffrey Weiser, manager of Grounds Services, and his “righteous” approach to gardening are getting a lot of attention these days. *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and *The Washington Post* have both featured articles on Weiser’s organic approach to landscaping.

Weiser, who received much of his landscape training in Hawaii where the natural approach is often followed, applied those same principles when he arrived at Gallaudet. He inherited grounds that were covered with weeds and had compacted soil.

Whoever asks Weiser about his approach to landscaping will get this response: “We’ve got to get back to the basics, and the basics of landscaping are aeration, seeding, and developing organic matter.” He is in the process of giving up the use of chemical fertilizers and synthetic herbicides. Weiser and his staff are now using a weed killer made from corn gluten, insecticides made from rosemary oil, and “Earth Juice,” a fertilizer derived from bat guano, seaweed, and blood meal. Using these natural products is better for the environment and for the safety of his staff—and for the rest of the campus community as well. His groundskeepers don’t need respirators or protective suits any longer, and they don’t need licenses to apply toxic chemicals.

Weiser said his time in Hawaii

made him very conscious of the environment. “When you live on an island you get very clear on the meaning of finite land and finite resources,” he said. Keeping that thought in the forefront, Weiser and his staff work daily to keep Kendall Green environmentally “green” also.

### Ask GIS!

Q: I use VRS often and, of course, some calls are very personal. Sometimes I get a Gallaudet interpreter, and I feel uncomfortable discussing certain things because I know I will see him or her on campus. I know that they follow a code of ethics and won’t mention anything to others, but I feel awkward knowing that they know certain things about me. Can you give me an interpreter’s perspective on this?

A: Your concern is very understandable. If you are not already aware, you can always ask to be transferred to another call center or interpreter whenever you feel an ethical or gender conflict may arise. You are right that we won’t discuss your information with others, and we won’t even bring it up with you if we see you later. While this may not alleviate all of your concerns, please also know that interpreters are professional, which includes handling sensitive information properly. **G**

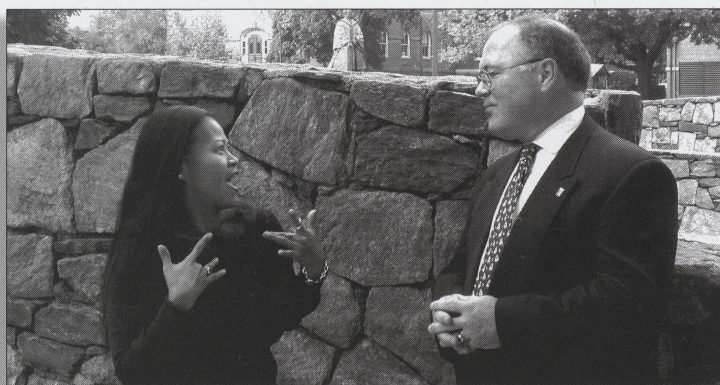


## AMONG OURSELVES

The Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons (NVRC) will be honoring **Thomas Bull**, staff interpreter at Gallaudet Interpreting Service, with its 2004 Recognition Award at its Gala on November 5 at the Waterford at Fair Oaks in Fairfax, Va. The awards are given annually by NVRC's Board of Directors to honor an individual, organization, or business for demonstrating dedication, exemplary sensitivity and awareness, and outstanding support of deaf and hard of hearing persons and their families. Bull has been a fixture in Northern Virginia and the D.C. Metro area as a teacher and sign language interpreter. In fact, he is

known as "Mr. CODA" for his work nationally and internationally to raise awareness of the unique qualities of children who have deaf parents. In a related topic, Bull presented "Deaf Family Issues: Cudas and Identity" at the First Canadian Conference on Mental Health and Deafness, held in Ottawa, Ontario, September 9 to 11. His appearance was made possible by GIS, CODA International, and the Interpreters with Deaf Parents Special Interest Group of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. The conference was sponsored by Reach Canada, a non-profit organization committed to equality and justice for people with disabilities in Canada.

## Giving students a 'vote of confidence' with this year's Campus Community Campaign



Campus Community Campaign co-hosts Thuan Nguyen, coordinator of Mentoring and Minority Academic Support Programs, and Dr. William McCrone, a professor in the Department of Counseling, discuss their ideas for the fundraising initiative.

By Rhea Yablon Kennedy

People at Gallaudet have most likely seen the Campus Community Campaign (CCC) banner as they enter the Florida Avenue entrance to the University, and received a letter announcing the kickoff of the effort.

By now, they probably know that it is the time of year when Gallaudet faculty, teachers, and staff have an opportunity to come together and support the students by making a financial contribution. Many Gallaudet community members have already made a gift and helped to get the CCC off to a successful start.

The co-chairs of the University Campaign are Dr. William

McCrone, a professor in the Department of Counseling, and Thuan Nguyen, coordinator of Mentoring and Minority Academic Support Programs. Both are gearing up to encourage their colleagues to join in by making a gift.

"I was delighted to agree to be a co-chair of the Campus Community Campaign. It is an honor," said McCrone, who hopes to break a few records in faculty giving. Nguyen looks forward to spreading her message: "All of us can make a difference in students' dreams," she said.

Both McCrone and Nguyen are inspired by what faculty, teacher, and staff gifts can do for students and the deaf community. "We need well-rounded people involved in

deaf organizations, and Gallaudet has a reputation for building great leaders," Nguyen commented. "All of these gifts change lives," McCrone added.

McCrone encourages everyone to keep the supportive attitude. "Students are looking to us for a vote of confidence through our giving... vote twice this fall — once on Election Day, and vote again, for Gallaudet, through a generous gift," he said. Nguyen reported that responses from members of the Gallaudet community have already been positive and supportive.

The Clerc Center is also getting its campaign underway. Dean Katherine Jankowski congratulated Clerc Center employees on a high giving rate last year and expressed the hope they could exceed it this year. Teachers and staff at MSSD and KDES can put their support behind any of the Clerc Center Priorities, the National Mission Dissemination Fund, the We Care Fund, and many other funds and programs.

Look for more details on this effort in an upcoming issue of *On the Green*. 

(Note: Rhea Yablon Kennedy is development associate for mail and publication programs in the Development Office.)



Higher education administrators from 14 countries, including Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Tunisia, gather with Gallaudet representatives for a photo during a September 29 U.S. State Department-sponsored visit to the University. As part of its International

Training Program, the State Department routinely brings higher education administrators from around the world to the United States to learn about how the American educational system works. Gallaudet is a frequent stop on these visits. Lindsay Dunn, special assistant to the president for advocacy, and David Tossman, coordinator of the Visitors Center, spoke about Gallaudet's history and mission. Dr. Karen Kimmel, CLAST dean, and 'Bunmi Aina, director of the Center for Global Education, spoke about the unique challenges facing deaf students and scholars pursuing higher education and efforts to increase awareness to international programs for deaf students. In addition, a panel discussed higher education opportunities for people with disabilities in the U.S. The panelists were Fred Weiner, special assistant to the president for planning, Edgar "Bernie" Palmer, director of the Office of Students with Disabilities, David Levin, disability liaison for the State Department Academic Exchange Programs, and Zavolia Dortch Willis, associate director of the HEATH Resource Center, a national clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities. Since many Gallaudet students from the Middle East have said that there are serious barriers to employment for deaf people in their countries, the international education administrators were encouraged to do all they can to increase opportunities for deaf people in their countries and to hire Gallaudet graduates to help them achieve this.

## STUDENT AFFAIRS *Exposé*

### FiSH! philosophy encourages fresh ideas

By Travis Imel

Each year, Campus Life selects a motto or philosophy for the academic year. Last year, the office adopted the FiSH! philosophy. For 2004-05, Campus Life has decided to keep the philosophy, but with a subtle difference—FiSH! is now an acronym for Fresh Ideas Start Here.

The FiSH! philosophy was first written about in a book by the same name by authors Dr. Stephen Ludin, Harry Paul, and John Christensen. There have been three follow-up books to *FiSH!*—*FiSH Tales*, *FiSH Sticks*, and *FiSH for Life*.

The FiSH! philosophy was inspired by the Pike Place Market in downtown Seattle, Wash. In one part of the market, there is a fish-selling booth where workers hawk their wares to the customers in an unusual way. There are signs located near the booth that read, "Beware of Flying Fish." One would be careless to not heed the signs because the vendors literally throw fish from one point of the market to another, which can cause injuries to the unwary. Selling fish is not exactly the hottest job market and yet, the workers enjoy their trade and made their booth one of the top grossing booths in the market. By chatting with these people, four basic principles to a successful business were identified:


The first principle is, Choose Your Attitude. Occasionally, there may be events that take place in our lives that are not positive, such as an argument with one's partner,

a disagreement with one's supervisor, or perhaps a rainy and gray day has put us in a bad mood. It is up to the person to recognize their attitude and say, "I can choose my attitude" and leave negativity at the door.

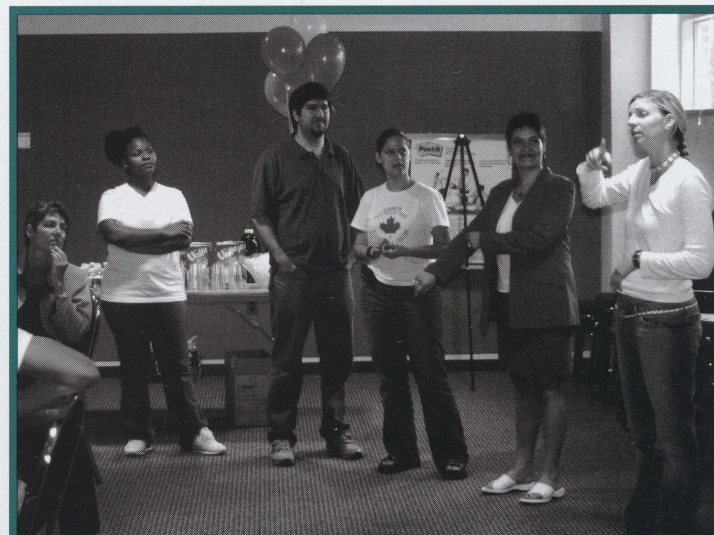
The second principle is, Make Their Day. It only takes a few seconds of a person's time to make someone else's day. It can be a simple smile, stopping for a chat, or sending the individual an e-mail of recognition.

The third principle is, Be There. It is easy to be buried in thoughts and work. In order to be there for others, we need to be aware of our environment. If we see someone who looks lost or is upset, we should make time to help the person.

The fourth principle is, Play. No job is enjoyable if there is no fun involved. Make the workplace fun to work in. Some ideas of this would be to hang a small basket and throw a nerf ball into it, play various ice breaker games within the office, or go out to lunch together and get to know our peers better. There is no limit to what one can do.

These four principles are not only applicable to the workplace. They can be applicable to many things in life. If this philosophy makes you curious, read the book; you will not regret it! 

(Note: Travis Imel is coordinator of residence education in the Office of Campus Life.)



Multicultural Student Programs invited the Gallaudet community to a September 16 reception in honor of students of diverse backgrounds. "We want [these] students to create friendships through MSP," said Elvia Guillermo, interim coordinator of MSP (second from right). "The reception is an ice-breaker for them." President Jordan greeted the students in attendance, saying, "You bring so much to Gallaudet University. We grow from you and become richer from you." He encouraged the students to make friends with faculty, staff, and peers to build a support system for themselves. Here, Nicole Fuchser (right), from Zug, Switzerland, introduces herself. Also pictured (from left) are: MJ Bienvenu, chair of ASL and Deaf Studies, Baranda Johnson, from Boston, Mass, Fernando Ayala, from Santiago, Chile, and Liza Ban, from Toronto, Canada.